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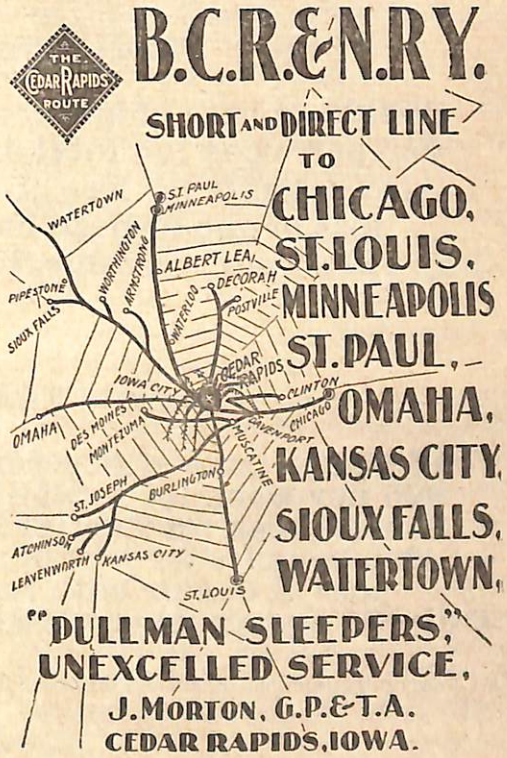

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MRS. DIXON'S ADDRESS.

The following beautiful address by the Associate Matron of Carnation Chapter, Cherokee, Iowa, we had in the office in time for last month, but by some means it was "lost," and we now give it, though late for its beauty, and as published in "The Investigator":

THE ADDRESS.

"Sisters and brother, we have given you the Grand Honors, all of which you have so ably earned and are entitled to, but we feel you are deserving of more. We have not been unmindful of your devotion to this, our Chapter, to your untiring efforts for the promotion of its welfare. Prompted by a fraternal feeling, we, the Chapter, desire to give you something more tangible than lip praise. You have had all the honors this Chapter is able to bestow; you have done your work well.

"Sister Chick, we recognize in you our Mother Matron. You were our first Worthy Matron; you took us when we were, oh! so young, so helpless; you worked with a zeal and earnestness surpassed by none; you led us through the labyrinth of childhood, as it were, and left us stalwart and strong. It is the desire of the Chapter that you accept this little memento and wear it in loving remembrance of Carnation Chapter, 165.

"Sister Webber, in you we recognize our organizer and our second Worthy Matron. For two years you have presided and have worked faithfully for our good. The trials and obstacles have been many; you have surmounted them all, and to-night you leave your exalted position. You need have no regrets; the Chapter is strong and flourishing. Accept this little badge, the same as Sister Chick's, in loving remembrance of Carnation Chapter, 165.

"Brother Gillette, you have posed many times here as Brigham, and if Sister Gillette is the kind of a woman I think she is, she will think none the less of you if I say we all love you. For four years you have given us advice and we have counseled with you, and Masonry would be better if there were more Masons as good as you. We are loath to part with you, from your familiar position, but leave us you must, and take this token as a wee expression of our appreciation of your faithfulness and devotion to our Chapter.

"And now, my dear sisters and brother, we have just passed the Yule-tide; we have listened to the sweet refrain of peace on earth, good will to men; our hearts have been softened; we have been made better by the inspiration; the old year is gone; the book with all the good deeds and misdeeds, with all the sorrows, joys, regrets, is closed. We now turn our faces to the New Year, with new hopes, new aspirations, ambition for new achievements. This may be our last reunion upon earth; the chain of many links may be broken ere another year rolls around. But if we do our duty to God, to each other and to ourselves, the reward will be ours, for our belief in the existence of a Supreme Being prepares a reward for the faithful."

A GREAT TRUTH TOLD.

If there is a reptile that crawls this earth that is more venomous than the serpent, that has been taken up by kindly hands and in return for warmth and nourishment fixed its poisonous fangs into the heart of its savior, it is a so-called man who has been

fed and clothed, helped to position in life, however humble, by the use of the good name and kindness of a benefactor, turns and poisons the good name, and by slander attempts to assassinate the righteous character of the one who has befriended him. There is no devil out of hell so despicable. His slimy trail can be found in every community. He is in Freemasonry, and often attempts to discharge a debt by stinging to the death the heart that took him in and warmed him back to life. Grand Master John T. Irion, of Tennessee, well said that "the coward who stabs his unoffending and defenseless victim in the back; the savage wretch who, from some hidden covert, shoots a poisoned arrow; the serpent, whose power lies not in the boldness of his attack, but in the venom of his sting; the lecherous rake, with worse than murderous intent, stealing at midnight on sleeping innocence, are but feeble types and symbols of the slanderer. To him the ruin of another's happiness, the standing of a spotless reputation, acquired by long years of honest toil and industry, the shadow cast upon the loved and innocent who surrounded the family hearth, are as nothing." The true Mason listens not to a tale, when reported by slander. The man who is actuated by brotherly love will not desert his friend when dangers threaten or misfortunes assail him. When he is calumniated he will openly and boldly espouse his cause, and endeavor to remove the aspersion. There is generally not a great distance for a brother Mason to travel for the purpose of investigation of the charges made under low breath, or on the square. When tales are told, go like a man to the person calumniated and know the truth for yourself. Don't become a partaker of other men's sins by holding in your bosom an unjust opinion of a brother, or retailing that which is a lie, made out of the most shoddy kind of material, even if it pass the lips of a gray headed old sinner, who may be pleading for alms.—*The Tyler*.

NEEDS SOCIAL STIMULUS.

We express it as an opinion from our observation, and not to inject unrest or criticism, that Masonry generally and in Iowa particularly needs social stimulus. Three classes of us exist, each of importance in our places but all dangerous when anyone is exacting. The high Masonic class has become a sect of ultra ritualists, critical and inconsiderate. All conditions without remorse are inflexibly compelled to submit to the absolute necessity of a perfect ritualism. To this element among us the social features are nothing; they consider the "working of the ritual all snfficient to inspire any *real* Mason" and so they make the subordinate and Grand Lodge weary with *their* disquisitions. The next sect we call attention to is the "legalists," who with Code in hand and each Chapter and section at their tongues end—declare that we "must keep within the law" or down will go the whole "institution"—these care little about the "ceremonies" so that the "laws" are exalted. The third element to which we would call attention is the "low Masonic" party, they care but little for either of the above conditions so they may share in the "administration" of the Craft. They must figure as one of the three Hirams or the concern "is doomed to fail."

We might go on at length but will satisfy ourselves by calling attention to the heading of this article. We would not belittle any part of the beautiful structure, we would not tear down but build up; but we cannot ignore the constantly increasing evidence that we are dying for want of a stronger social character—more of the genuine fraternal nearness to each other that characterized the communications of the last centure and that causes the anti-Masonic crank to go into spasms—with modern modifications—the substitution of coffee for beer and tea for ale, with the toothsome refreshments our "stars" can get up we ought to get socially nearer to each other. Others will modify or mortify us—and these times tend to greater social activity so that in common with the fraternal world around us we must "stir our lethergy" and supply the social need of our people.

THE LODGES.

ALL FLESH IS GRASS.

From the daily *Times Herald* we clip the following item:

"Edward and Mary T. Zook of Fulton County, policy holders in the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society, which assigned a weak ago at Indianapolis, have petitioned

the court to remove the assignees on the ground that preferences are being given to certain claimants."—(And we wonder why such things can be.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan met at Grand Rapids, Jan. 25, with nearly 1000 delegates present. L. B. Winsor, G. M. They have 39,688 members and 388 lodges in the jurisdiction.—T. H. 1-25-8.

Garden City Lodge, Chicago, Ill., has 566 members, a gain over all losses of 15 for the past year. They have paid out for benevolences $1,290.97. The net gain in their assets was $473.99. Income for the year $4,462.62.

Grand Secretary Parvin, has gone to Mexico for a couple of months, for rest, recreation and research.

At the stockholders' meeting of the Masonic Temple association, January 17th, in this city, twenty-one directors were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: E. E. Clark, Ed. H. Smith, J. H. Smith, J. L. Bever, J. W. Bever, L. W. Anderson, P. S. Robertson, W. A. Robertson, Thos. Farmer, M. M. Hall, J. A. Nobles, C. D. Huston, Oscar Solomon, C. L. Miller, G. M. Johnson, C. H. French, Wm. Flanagan, Geo. T. Hedges, M. W. Hazeltine and J. A. Kimbro.

Burlington had a great lodge meeting, with work in the "third" January 18th. Visitors were present from several outside towns.

At Columbus Junction the Craftsmen have a good substantial home.

Mapleton has been doing "good work' one raised in December, three others in work. Quarry Lodge has the following officers for 1898:

W. M.—E. S. Johnson.
S. W.—C. E. Chrisman.
J. W.—L. H. Valentine.
Treasurer—J. D. Giddings.
Secretary—F. Griffin.

St. John's night was celebrated with public installation and banquet.

The following are officers in Emerald Lodge, No. 334, A. F. & A. M., Grundy Center:

W. M.—R. W. Sayn.
S. D.—James Black.
J. D.—John Cutts.
Treasurer—R. M. Finlayson.
Secretary—S. H. Knapp.
S. D.—O. E. Wheeton.
J. D.—D. M. Moser.
S. S.—Rolf Aye.
J. S.—H. B. Kelly.
Tyler—U. H. Eaton.

At Manning we found evidences of life among the Craftsmen.

In Missouri Valley our stay was too short to seek out the brothers.

While at Council Bluffs things are moving lively—Grand Lodge meets here in June—Headquarters at the Grand.

Washington, the home of the Grand Master, has a fine Masonic home. Sir Knight Eugene Anderson showed us around and they may well be proud of their quarters. The Grand Master was away from home when we were there.

The new Temple in this city is nearly completed—the dedication will likely occur within the next six weeks.

Craftsmen throughout Iowa will be sad to learn of the death of Mrs. James W. Staton, now of Kentucky, whose husband is well known in this jurisdiction. She passed away, Jan. 8th.

The "*Masonic Constellation*" of St. Louis was burned out recently. Brother Rickart has our sympathy, and the hope that his able journal will come forth increased in vigor, if such can be expected of so strong a paper.

Peruvian Masonry has gone into the guano sack by abolishing the "Great Light" from its Altars. They substitute the Constitutions. Put them on the List.

Brother R. T. Paterson of Eldon, Mo., is a Mason in needy circumstances who wants to sell seeds and herbs to help him along. Drop him a note and a little help.

By fire at Union, Iowa, February 5th, the Masonic lodge is said to have lost all its property.

FROM LE MARS.

Giblem Lodge of this place celebrated their twenth-fifth anniversary St. John's Day, November 27th, with public installation ceremonies of Eastern Star and Blue Lodge combined, very interesting and impressive they proved to be to all in attendance. The following officers were installed in the Star:

W. M.—Mrs. M. E. Bush.
W. P.—T. Adamson.
Asso. M.—Mrs. R. R. Hammond.
Conductress—Mrs. W. Wernli.
Asso. Conductress—Mrs. E. C. Pfaffle.
Treasurer—Mrs. F. P. Whitney.
Secretary—Miss E. Hillebrand.
Adah—Miss M. Clarke.
Ruth—Mrs. Otto Berner.
Esther—Mrs. E. Thomarson.
Martha—Mrs. W. S. Freeman.
Electa—Mrs. C. Kirscher.
Chaplain—Mrs. W. Johnson.
Marshall—Mrs. I. S. Struble.
Warder—Mrs. J. C. Connor.
Sentinel—D. Padmore.
Organist—Mrs. E. Townsend.

Mrs. Belle Adamson acting as installing officer. Social time followed. A banquet was spread to which fully one hundred did ample justice. Toasts: I. S. Struble, acting as toastmaster—were Giblem Lodge and its twenty-five years, A. A. Allim; Eastern Star, Mrs. B. Adamson; Templarism, E. C. Chassell; Woman and Masonry, Mrs. E. H. Bush; The Day we Celebrate, Rev. J. W. Johnson. When all had responded the *wee sma* hours were creeping on a pace, and all went home satisfied that life is worth living if we all help make it so.

Fraternally yours,

B. A.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

The health of the Grand High Chief is reported much improved.

Some complaint is made that business is neglected in some of the Chapters.

Monona Chapter 115, Mapleton, the officers for 1898, U. P., E. S. Johnson and others as last year except S. A. Carhart, Treasurer. They are about to work the Council Degrees. A trio from Danbury was exalted in December.

Ionic Chapter, No. 100, R. A. M., Grundy Center:

H. P.—H. K. Suavely.
K.—James Black.
S.—S. H. Knapp.
Treas.—S. R. Raymond.
Sec.—F. J. Bourne.
C. of H.—Rolf Aye.
P. S.—L. E. Grout.
R. A. C.—C. W. Reynolds.
M. of 3d V.—W. H. Lillibridge.
M. of 2d V.—E. H. Allison.
M. of 1st V.—O. E. Wheaton.

While at Postville (Feb. 4–7) a party of Companions drove to Elgin to attend at the exaltation of a "team."

COMMANDERIES.

FROM SAC CITY.

ROSE CROIX COMMANDERY.

At a meeting of Rose Croix Commandery, No. 38, K. T., last month, orders were conferred on Oskar Berger, of Holstein, and Roy C. Clifton, B. S. Noble, Gray Warren, John A. Dessel and John L. Gimmill, of Ida Grove.

Members of Rose Croix from other towns were: F. A. Lusk, F. C. Kiner, J. S. Weiser, of Ida Grove, C. J. Wohlenberg, J. H. Schmid, R. H. Smith, Dr. Edgar, of Holstein; E. M. Fuller, D. D. Carlton, J. W. Hartzel, W. D. Holdredge, of Early; R. M. Hunter, C. W. Marcy, of Wall Lake.

During 1897 Rose Croix Commandery conferred the Orders on twenty-three candidates. The report to the grand commandery gives 159 members in good standing; and this with the 23 added this year gives a membership of 182. Deduct two members who have died during the year, L. J. Sifford, of Wall Lake, and W. J. Summerwill, of Odebolt, leaves a net membership of 180.

In looking over the proceedings of the last meeting of the grand commandery of Iowa, we find that Rose Croix is the second lodge in Iowa in point of numbers, Temple Commandery located at Des Moines, reporting 225 members, while Rose Croix reports 159. We understand Temple Commandery has had no accession this year while Rose Croix has had 23, and that there are five applications for the orders. The dispensation for the institution of Temple Commandery was issued July 10, 1857, while that of Rose Croix was issued October 8, 1880, a little over 23 years afterward.

The annual report at the close of 1896 gives 4,434 Knights-Templar in Iowa and 58 commanderies, making an average of a little more than 76 members to the commandery. Thus it will be seen that Rose Croix Commandery would make two average commanderies and have 28 members left to institute the third one.

Temple Commandery will have to look well to her laurels or Rose Croix will step to first place before many annual reports shall have been made.

While at Council Bluffs recently we had the pleasure of a short visit with Grand Treasurer Atkins and family. P. G. C., Dr. Lacy was well, and we are glad to learn that Master Tom has regained his usual health. Plans for the "Park" are forming.

Des Moines is always in good form. We were there for a day recently and called on the Grand Recorder and the Registrar of the Consistory. Their Temple is paying nicely. Sir Knight Yonngerman is as lively as a cricket, and Crom Bowen is in it.

E. Sir Joseph S. Green was the recipient of a fine diamond ring, as a mark of the regard in which his Commandery held him in Cherokee.

West Union has material at hand and is prospering finely.

What will our Southern Fratres who pooh at wearing emblems now say since Sir Jack Naley owes his life to the wearing of a K. T. Charm. We'd wear one—but not cartwheel size.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

Don't let it slip your memories that the Old Reliable B., C. R. & N. will repeat its grand arrangements of 1895 for the Pittsburg trip, and the "Solid" Iowa train will be "the one" you want to catch. Watch these columns for announcements.

THE EASTERN STAR.

While at Muscatine last month we were privileged to meet a number of "Star" people. The opportunity to make the order a prominent factor is great here, and should not be wasted.

Officers Ruth Chapter No. 155, O. E. S., Grundy Center:

W. M.—Mrs. Lydia W. Crouse.
W. P.—C. W. Reynolds.
A. M.—Mrs. Francis Wilson.
Treasurer—Mrs. Pauline Ivins.
Secretary—Anna B. Wheaton.
Conductress—Mrs. Mina Wilson.
Associate Conductress — Miss Mela Bourne.
Chaplain—Mrs. Laura A. Knapp.
Adah—Miss Juna Aye.
Ruth—Miss Lottie Laybourn.
Esther—Miss Alice Scoville.
Martha—Mrs. E. Ada Snavely.
Electa—Mrs. Sallie M. Reynolds.
Warder—Mrs. Jennette Finlayson.
Sentinel—U. H. Eaton.
Marshall—Mrs. Cornelia Bourne.

The Investigator reports a public installation at Elgin, in Lodge R. A. and O. E. S. Chapters. P. G., H. P. M. Beehler, P. J. G. W., Joe Nye and Mrs. D. W. Clements were the installing officer severally. A good time was had.

Harmony Chapter No. 25, O. E. S., Council Bluffs, Ia., held its customary New Year's Eve. gathering, and the following officers were installed into their respective stations; Grand Secretary Mrs. Maria Jackson being installing officer, and Past Matron Mrs. Anna Budis acting as Grand Marshall:

W. Matron—Miss Jennie Pile.
W. Patron—F. H. Brownlee.
Associate Matron—Miss Emma Potter.
Secretary—Mrs. Barbara Tucker.
Treasurer—Mrs. Hattie Hoffmeyer.
Conductress—Miss Mary McMillan.
Associate Conductress — Miss Blanche Arkwright.
Adah—Miss Christie Dingle.
Ruth—Mrs. Dell Morgan.
Esther—Mrs. Anna Budio.
Martha—Mrs. J. K. Cooper.
Electa—Mrs. Foster
Warder—Mrs. Jennie Wilkins.
Sentinel—S. S. Nash.

Refreshments were served after the close of the ceremonies, and the members and friends watched the old year out and the new year in, with many good wishes for each other and the Chapter.

The Chapter at New Hampton had special attractions in their work Feb. 7th,

Mrs. Matt Parrott is recovering from her long and severe illness. It will please her host of "Star" friends to know this.

Stuart Chapter 133, O. E. S., entertained friends from Des Moines and Greenfield Chapters, at their hall in the Masonic Temple, in Stuart, Nov. 30th. There were also present Mrs. Houghton of Red Oak,

Grand Treas. and Deputy Grand Matron, who acted as Inspector, and Mrs. Bruce of Anita, Grand Esther. As Stuart Chapter numbers among its members Mrs. Dora Gilmore, Deputy Grand Matron for the 7th District, there were present three Grand Officers. About seventy "Stars" formed a brilliant galaxy that disposed of an elegant banquet in the beautiful dining hall, after which a candidate was taken through the solemn and impressive initiatory rites. It was altogether a delightful evening.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

The balluster for the 29th Annual Reunion of the Rite in the Valley of Clinton, Iowa, is out for Feb. 8–11, 1898. It is a compliment to the taste of the officers and as fine a work of the printer's art as can be found anywhere.

The Consistory at Des Moines had a fine class at their reunion, Jan. 18–21. Registrar Coleman expects to announce another for early spring.

Notice of the death of G. C. Van Ginkle 32°, at Des Moines, Jan. 24, 1898, is received. The badges of sorrow are displayed.

Palmoni Lodge of Perfection 14°, of Buffalo, met Jan. 7, 1898.

Kilwinning Lodge of Perfection, Cedar Rapids, is meeting weekly for rehearsal—a promising class of candidates for 4—14° is forming.

The Kadosh funeral service has only been performed four times in the S. M. J. and over the remains of Albert Pike and Dr. Bachelor, Philip Cusby Tucker (all Grand Commanders) and lastly over Odell Squier Long.

One of the clearest and best articles in regard to the Scottish Rite Rituals being pirated from the "U. S. Rite," is in the "Tyler" for Dec. 31, 1897, and is from the pen of John Q. A. Fellows 33°, of New Orleans.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

SESOSTRES' ODE.

(Taken from Their Notice for Jan. 27)

O, Novice seeking further light,
Trust not in man thy cup to fill;
Seek strength from Allah for the fight,
If He won't help, then no one will.

The road to Mecca is beset
With dangers dark on every side;
The hills are steep, the valleys wet,
Trust Allah, then, and "let 'er slide."

Fear not, O friend, the burning sands
That lie this side the shady dell;
If you can only save your hands;
Your parboiled feet can go to Texas.

Your only hope is in the rope,
From which you hang o'er sharpened stakes
But grip it light and your all right
Unless, of course, the old thing breaks.
—BIX.
Poet—"Lariat."

TO THE NOVICE.

(Taken from a Lulu Notice for Feb. 2).

Would you like to be a Shriner,
And with the Nobles stand,
With a fez upon your top-knot
And diploma in your hand?

Then come and join the caravan,
Across the red-hot sands.
You'll be supplied with sandwiches
And patent leather fans.

They'll let you stand on Araphat
And view the landscapes o'er;
And if you'll promise not to tell,
They'll show you plenty more.

The cost is only thirty dolls,
'Tis worth twice that, they say,
And should you want your money back,
Why, call some other day.

The Divans are formed.

Arrangements at Dallas are slow.

Rumor has Kaaba going to Mason City soon.

El-Kahir will be moving, Nobles watch for the notice.

Our black brothers are shining in the midst of the pyramids. They have an "Imperial Grand Council," and the highest officer is Most Imperial Grand. They have twenty-five Temples.

Our Noble Friend, Billy Melish has persisted in declining re-election as Potentate of Syrian Temple. Eugene L. Lewis takes his place. He has good backing. The "big four" go to the I. C. as usual. That's the stuff.

Meetings were booked for the following dates before we went to press: January 12, Rajah; 12, Osman; 21, Korein—their banquet coupon is a novelty; 25, Ismalia—reception and Ball; 27, Sesostres, Kora and Acca; 31, Almas and Mecca.

February 21, Lu Lu, with Mecca, N. Y. as guests; 3, Isis—including banquet and dance, ladies present; 8, Mt. Sinai and Hamasa; 11, Saladin—"Midwinter Upheaval."

The Camels are Coming!

EL-KAHIR WILL CROSS THE DESERT.

Go to New Hampton, Iowa,

MAY 3d.

The illustrious Recorder has just completed the arrangements under the direction of the Illustrious Potentate for a successful meeting in the Oasis of New Hampton and Sons of the Desert should bring in the applications.

The magnificent Firemen's Auditorium with its floor space of 76x98 and fine galleries is to be used and the banquet is to be served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

Dr. A. Babcock, chairman and a local committee of twelve Nobles and Templars will attend to the wants of the visitors, The hotels have made a rate of $1, $1.50 and $2 per day.

The trip will be one long to be remembered and all want to keep it in mind. The B., C. R. & N. and one of the other roads leading into this part of desert will be used. Look out for the notice. It's coming.

Noble B. M. Cleaveland has been quite sick, and is yet at Hot Springs, Arkansas, but is reported gaining in health.

BOOK TABLE.

The Indian Mason is the latest addition to our exchange list. Chelsea I. T. Reporter Publishing Co., $1 per year.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch, Chapter of Illinois for 1897. By the hands of Companion Gil Barnard. From the same, the address of the Master of Garden City Lodge with the Roster. Their reports are full of interest and instruction.

"A Knightly Greeting" from St. Aldemar Commandery, St. Louis, Mo., comes to us. The membership is 412. It is a veritable portrait gallery.

The Roster of Almas Temple, Washington D. C., with other valuable information for 1898.

Masonic Directory, St. Joseph, Mo., 1898. A Roster of all the bodies including Moila Temple, by A. M. Worden, Recorder.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Well, Craftsmen: Greetings!

Thanks a thousand times to Perry Brothers for their kindness.

Correspondents will find matter more likely to appear if it reaches us about the first of the month. See our belated material in this number.

Out here in Iowa there is not the same conservative way of looking at things that they have down east—So "Kings" have no "divine right" among us—unless it be Kings of men.

Jingism in Masonry is a dangerous edged tool and those who play at that will get hurt, the great mass of craftsmen are not narrow minded blockheads and they'll rebuke it some fine day.

No, our friends are not all dead yet, and we've not lost one valued confidant. Those who know how poor we are, know also that we are averse to any offerings for litigation. We don't care what others say we prefer to cost our brothers as little as possible. Here endeth the Chapter.

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FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is lookking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

This department is read. How do we know. Swat! Let 'em go a while, then we'll tell.

The Odd Fellows' Mutual Aid Association of Indiana goes out of business. Assets $3.30 and liabilities $100,000.

The Bankers' Alliance of Los Angeles. Cal., quits business.

The Masons and Odd Fellows Life Association, Manchester, Iowa, shows a successful year's business with all losses paid and a balance on hand.

We have been admitted to the inner quarters of the Elks at Ft. Madison and Des Moines; both are up and coming.

This Journal is not prejudiced against any form of Life Insurance, Old Line or New Line, but it is going to tell the truth, and expose lies told by either side, so there.

Whoever disturbs a poor man who cannot afford expensive protection, in his belief in his Fraternity, is a mean, selfish deceiver. We know a fellow named Baker who does just these.

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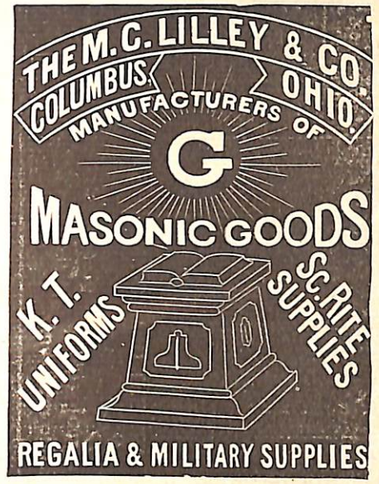

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